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Whereas, Public and private lands are affected by the spread of invasive species in Indiana;

Whereas, In recent years, Indiana has seen its natural lakes affected by invasive plants threatening the native flora and fauna and affecting recreational opportunities;

Whereas, Indiana forests are being exposed to an exotic insect that places all species of ash trees in Indiana in imminent danger; and

Whereas, Property owners all over Indiana, including agricultural landowners, are suffering the effect of invasive plants and the subsequent need to eradicate these invasive species, such as bush honeysuckle (Amur, Tartarian, and Morrow honeysuckle), on their lands: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to assign to the
2 Natural Resources Study Committee the topic of the impact of invasive
3 species in Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Natural Resources Study Committee shall
5 establish a task force to study the economic and environmental impact



1 of invasive species in Indiana and provide findings and
2 recommendations on strategies for prevention, early detection, control,
3 and management of invasive species to minimize this impact.

4 SECTION 3. That the task force shall be composed of the state
5 entomologist or designee, the state chemist or designee, the director of
6 the Animal Board of Health or designee, the director of the Purdue
7 University Center for Crop Biosecurity and Invasive Species or
8 designee, a representative of the nursery and landscape industry, a
9 representative of a conservation group, a representative of a city park,
10 and two representatives from universities.

11 SECTION 4. That the task force shall issue a report and
12 recommendations to the National Resources Study Committee when
13 the committee first meets in the 2008 interim. The Natural Resources
14 Study Committee shall then issue a final report with recommendations
15 to the Legislative Council by November 1, 2008.

